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To whom it may concern.

I am very concerned regarding a quick and non-remedying settlement against Microsoft. I feel as though I am a pet of this particular corporation ... I am only allowed to have what they will allow me to have. Not only are my software choices very limited, but even some of those competing choices are taken away from me because of the reasons which found Microsoft guilty of being an illegal monopoly.

One thing I do not understand is why Microsoft has not been sued by corporations using their software. There are many software 'bugs' in their past software -- Office 95, 97 2000, etc. Windows 95, 98, 98 second edition, millennium, etc. If I am buying a license to use software, and not the software itself, it stands to reason that I would expect the licensor to keep fixing the 'bugs' in software for a specified amount of time; and that new releases are just software with new features.

However, there are many unresolved software 'bugs' which are never fixed. With no competing software, my only recourse is to buy a new license for a different version of software. This may be an expensive remedy which I should not have to afford.

Also, I have heard that major resellers MUST sell Microsoft software on their computers. From Dell, Gateway, etc I can not get a computer only. I must purchase an operating system. But, on a previous computer that will no longer be used, I already paid for an operating system. If that computer is no longer to be used, or to be used with Linux, Unix, FreeBSD, Be, or some other 'ground roots' operating system, why must I pay again for a software license when one is already freely available for use?

I believe I have been wronged. I have been duped out of my hard-earned money. I insist that this will not happen again! I want the party found guilty by a jury to be considered guilty by the judicial system!

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